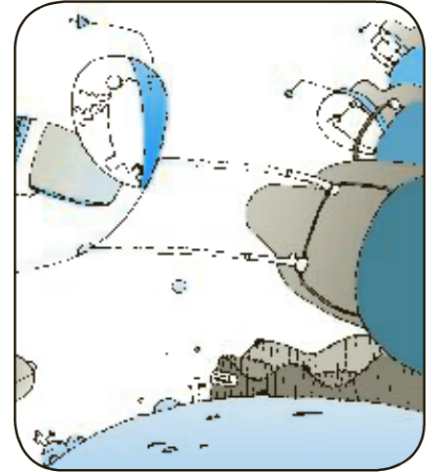


Apostrophes 3

Apostrophes can be used in your writing to show possession—to say, “Hey, that belongs to me!” (See 664.4 and 666.1–666.4 in *Texas Write Source* for more details about how to use apostrophes to show possession.)



Examples

Singular Possessives:

Cedar Point's Mean Streak roller coaster is one of the world's longest wooden coasters.

Plural Possessives:

The **visitors'** hearts raced as they plunged down the coaster hills.

Shared Possession:

Latoya, Eli, and **Gabriel's** favorite roller coaster is the Wild Thing at Valleyfair.

Latoya's, Eli's, and Gabriel's favorite snacks are different.

Possessives in Compound Nouns:

My **sister-in-law's** biggest fear is falling out of a roller coaster.

Possessives with Indefinite Pronouns:

Everyone's hands grab the safety bar during loops.

Directions

In the following sentences, add an apostrophe where needed to show possession. But be careful—not every sentence needs an apostrophe. The first sentence has been done for you.

1. The earliest roller coasters' tracks were made from cut lumber and tree trunks.
2. The first roller coasters were made in Russia in the fifteenth century.
3. Childrens lives were often in danger on those early roller coasters.
4. The worlds first hanging roller coaster appeared in 1981 in Cincinnati, Ohio.
5. In July 2003, the worlds tallest and fastest hanging roller coaster was the Top Thrill Dragster.

6. The Top Thrill Dragsters fastest speed is 120 miles per hour.
7. Its features include diving loops, rolls, and high-speed spirals.
8. My sister-in-laws scariest ride was on the Thunder Run at Kentuckys Six Flags.
9. Roller coasters safety rules protect the lives of their passengers.
10. Jaccos, Ruths, and Tobies families spend the summer going from one amusement park to the next.
11. The worlds first thrill ride to reach 100 miles per hour was Dreamworlds Tower of Terror.
12. The 8,133-foot Steel Dragon 2000 is Japans longest steel roller coaster.
13. The Beast is everyones favorite wooden roller coaster.
14. This years most popular roller coaster was the Desperado at Buffalo Bills Resort in Nevada.
15. The countrys first steel roller coaster was Disneylands Matterhorn Mountain, which opened in 1959.
16. Coney Islands Wonder Wheel combines a Ferris wheels circular path with a roller coasters thrills.
17. Our family rated ten roller coasters, and my two brothers top choice was Apollos Chariot.

Next Step In a paragraph describe your favorite amusement park ride. Ask a classmate to check your writing for correct use of possessive apostrophes.